GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON TRADITIONAL WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government recently launched a National Programme to rejuvenate the traditional water resources;

(b) if so, whether the Government have sent a Central Team to some States to make on-the-spot study of the said programme;

(c) if so, whether the said team has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to introduce the said programme in other States; and

(f) the financial assistance proposed to be given to State Government for its implementation ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Water, being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to plan, finance and execute the water resources development schemes including rejuvenation of the traditional water resources from their own resources. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) − Rural Drinking Water Component which, among others, include a sub-component to repair and rejuvenate the sources of water. Central Ground Water Board under Ministry of Water Resources has also taken up pilot studies for artificial recharge of ground water at 136 locations in different States. Under these studies, water harvesting structures like percolation tanks, check dams, gabion structures, recharge shafts, roof top rain water harvesting etc., are being constructed under the technical guidance of the Central Ground Water Board.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.